



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/5/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-25590

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
08/05/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/18/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/28/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	1-year-olds-Far Left	One Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2-year-olds-Right	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	3-year-olds-Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	15	NC	20	C	Circle Time, Transitioning
Main	Afterschoolers-Far Right	Four Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	12	C	Circle Time
Main	Infants-Left	Infants	1	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 66					
Total # Children this Date: 54					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 66					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Only	48	C

Comments

Discussed with the provider the visit report and citations.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the user id for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

Corrected on 8/5/2024

Lesson plans observed to current and visible on this date.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please be sure to check the wall for chipping paint that's accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2024

Corrected on 8/5/2024

Immunization records were up to date and visible on this date.

Facility

Technical Assistance

Discussed with the provider to ensure that the ventilation in the far right bathroom to repair the ventilation fan.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2024

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure flooring is kept clean and free of stains.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined on this date in the 1st middle room that the teachers personal belongings were reachable to the children in care. It was further determined based on observation that t in the 1st right, two(2) year room the cabinet under changing table has wipes accessible.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

Technical Assistance

Please be sure to check the playground for visible vegetation growing in the sand.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure to check the fencing for gaps along the perimeter.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the blue structure on the playground has visible rust on the structure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2024

Technical Assistance

Please be sure to check the first left blue structure for repair on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2024

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure menus are posted in the classroom environments to share with students daily.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the teachers in the far left room, are utilizing the window during diapering due to not having a ventilation fan.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the children are being monitored ongoing for runny noses.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation, storage and procedures.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation nor field trips.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that in the infants room t the teacher is assisted by another teacher when diapering due to the diapering table facing the wall.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024